

**PATENT**

**Expedited Procedure  
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Technology Center 2800**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:** Williams et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/590,646

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**For:** REINFORCED, SELF-ALIGNING  
CONDUCTIVE STRUCTURES FOR  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE COMPONENTS AND  
METHODS FOR FABRICATING SAME

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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This Amendment follows the final Office Action of September 12, 2007, the shortened statutory period for response to which expires on December 12, 2007. This Amendment, which is being submitted by Tuesday, November 13, 2007, should be deemed to have been filed within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action, as Monday, November 12, 2007, fell on the Veteran's Day federal holiday. 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

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